

# BREAKING



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Lesson 10:

New Testament Overview

“For the law was given by Moses; but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

- John the apostle (John 1:17)

“Having therefore, brethren,  
boldness to enter into the  
holiest by the blood of Jesus,  
by a new and living way...”

- Paul the apostle (Hebrews 10:19-20a)

# New Testament Facts

1. 27 Books: Matthew through Revelation

2. 8 primary authors:

- *Matthew, Mark, \*Luke, John, Paul, James, Peter, Jude*

3. Written in the Greek Language

- *Called “Koine” Greek*
- *Matthew written in Hebrew.*

4. Written over a period of 50 years

- *From approx. AD 40 to AD 90*

5. Covers 65 years of human history

- *From approx. 4 BC to AD 62*

# New Testament Structure

## 1. A History book

- *Mostly focuses on Jesus Christ and the early church.*

## 2. An Instructional book

- *Mostly for Christians under the "New Covenant".*

## 3. A Prophetic book

- *Mostly of the end-times and the return of Christ.*

# The History of the NT

## 1. Begins with the good news of the coming Christ

- *Shows the circumstances around the miraculous births of both John the Baptist and Jesus Christ with a small portion of Jesus' youth.*

## 2. The ministry of John the Baptist

- *The one sent to prepare the way of the One to come. His ministry is a baptism of repentance unto remission of sins to prepare Israel for their Messiah.*

## 3. The ministry of Jesus Christ

- *Offers the kingdom to Israel through repentance and faith.*
- *Ministry marked by preaching, teaching, healing, miracles, casting out devils, and calling, training, and commissioning disciples.*
- *Filled with the Spirit and perfectly pure and spotless in word and deed.*
- *Rises to quick popularity but ultimately is rejected by most common men as his will is not in line with their agenda AND he is envied, despised, and rejected by most of the Jewish religious leaders.*

# The History of the NT

## 4. The death, burial, & resurrection of Christ

- *Shows Jesus' betrayal, his trials before the Jews & Pilate, his crucifixion, his burial, his victory over death, his appearances and commissioning to his apostles.*

## 5. The early church of Jesus Christ

- *After Christ ascends into heaven we see the early church being filled with and led by the Holy Ghost into preaching, converting sinners, healing, blessing, multiplying, persecution, martyrdom, and spreading the gospel throughout much of Asia Minor.*
- *Mainly focuses on the ministries of Peter (the chief apostle to the Jews) and Paul (the chief apostle to the Gentiles)..*

# The Instruction of the NT

## 1. The truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ

- *Teaches us the truth of who Jesus Christ is and what his death and resurrection accomplished for us (atonement, justification, redemption, etc...).*
- *Teaches the reality of the superiority of the New Covenant to the Old Covenant and the insufficiency of the law and the works of the flesh but the sufficiency of the faith and grace of Christ.*

## 2. Godly living for believers in Christ

- *Teaches us to live simple, chaste, sober, holy lives that reflect our conversion out of the power of darkness into Christ's kingdom.*
- *Taught to die to the flesh and its corrupt works and walk in the Spirit and yield its fruits.*

## 3. How to live as a church (a body of believers)

- *We are to love one another, serve one another above ourselves and bring more fulness to each other and the work of the Lord as a body.*
- *We are to glorify God as a unit not just as individuals, and exercise our spiritual gifts for the edification of the body of Christ (not the promotion of self).*
- *Thus there are epistles to churches and pastors to help with this call.*



# The Instruction of the NT

## 4. Prepares us for the Return and Kingdom of Christ

- *Teaches us the truth that Jesus Christ will literally appear in the clouds one day and return to set up his kingdom on this earth.*
- *We are taught to live our lives as a mission to prepare ourselves and others for the moment when we stand before our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *We are to trade our temporal earthly good for eternal heavenly things and for the eternal good of others.*

# The Prophecy of the NT

Main focus is on the “end-times”

## 1. The Tribulation (Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week/Jacob’s trouble)

- *Apostasy and corruption of mankind in the latter days.*
- *Testing and tribulation to believers, trials and sufferings on the world, wars and rumors of wars.*
- *Warning plagues and disasters.*
- *The rise of the “Beast” or “Antichrist” and his kingdom empowered by Satan.*
- *The wrath of God on the unbelievers and those who join rank with the Beast..*

## 2. The Return of Christ

- *To save his bride (the church), to regather Israel, and to destroy the Antichrist and his kingdom.*

## 3. The Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ

- *His 1,000 year reign on this earth from Jerusalem over all nations with Israel as the head of nations and the church as his bride and queen.*

# The Prophecy of the NT

## 4. The Final Judgment (“the great white throne”)

- *The Father gives the judgment seat to Christ to judge all of humanity and angels and devils.*
- *Those whose names are in the Lamb’s Book of Life will enter into his eternal kingdom; those whose names are not are cast into the lake of fire.*

## 5. The New Heaven & New Earth

- *Where God the Father himself will finally directly rule over mankind once more and for ever.*
- *Israel & the church will dwell in the New Jerusalem with the Father and the Son for ever and ever.*
- *Rest of the saved nations will live on the new earth for ever and ever..*

# Breakdown of the NT

## I. 4 Books of the Gospel: History & Instruction

- *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
- *The birth, life, ministry, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

## II. 1 Book of History of the church: History

- *Acts: The growth & challenges of the church; and spread of the gospel.*

## III. 21 Books or Epistles: Instruction & Prophecy

### a) 14 Pauline Epistles:

- Church Epistles: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*
- Pastoral Epistles: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon*
- General Epistle: Hebrews*

### b) 7 General Epistles: James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, Jude

## IV. 1 Book of Prophecy: Instruction & Prophecy

- *Revelation: The end-times and return of Christ & his kingdom.*